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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/532,866	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BECKER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Essama Omgba	<b>Art Unit</b> 3726	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 47-88 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 47-82 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 83-88 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Specification***

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the limitation “said profile body secured in said groove at least partially bridging said groove at said outer shell face surface of said rotating body barrel with said outer profiled body surface being located adjacent said outer shell face surface” needs to be part of the specification disclosure. No new matter should be added.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 87-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 87 recites the limitations "said axially extending groove" and "said groove" in lines 4 and 11 respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim. Further it is not clear if "said groove" in line 11 refers to the "circumferentially extending groove" or the "axially extending grooves".

Claim 88 recites the limitation "said groove" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
5. Claims 83-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stegmeir et al. (US Patent 5,329,853).

With regards to claims 83 and 84, Stegmeir et al. discloses a rotating body useable in a printing press (col. 2, lines 27-28), the rotating body comprising a rotating body barrel 1 having an outer shell face (covered by blanket 5), an opening 2 in the shell face, and first and second oppositely located edges (angled ends of blanket 5) on the opening adjacent the shell face, the edges being made of a corrosion-resistant material (col. 2, lines 29-31). Regarding the recitation of an “integral” outer shell face on said rotating body barrel, Applicant should note that it has been held that the term “integral” is sufficiently broad to embrace construction united by means such as fastening and welding. *In re Holte*, 177 USPQ 326, 328 (CCPA 1973).

Regarding claim 85, see profiled body (3, 4) and angled edges of blanket 5 formed on the profiled body (3, 4).

Regarding claim 86, see figure 1.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 47-82 are allowed.
7. Claims 87 and 88 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Response to Arguments***

8. Applicant's arguments filed August 21, 2009, as they relate to claims 83-86 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that the rubber blanket of Steigmeir is not integral with the rotating body barrel, the examiner submits that it has been held that the term "integral" is sufficiently broad to embrace construction united by means such as fastening and welding. *In re Holte*, 177 USPQ 326, 328 (CCPA 1973).

***Conclusion***

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6:30, 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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